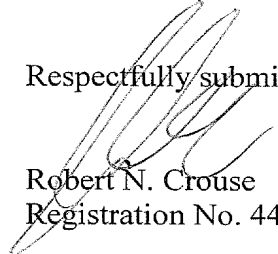


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Final Official Action mailed September 5, 2007, and the allowance of Claims 9-15 (hereinafter the *Official Action*). In response, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 1-8 and 16, without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of any further applications directed to the present subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested in due course. If any informal matters arise the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (919) 854-1400.

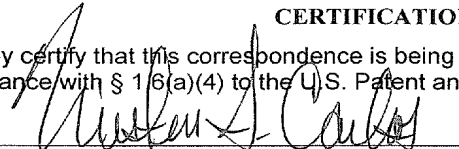
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